

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Hotel Roanoke
110 Shenandoah Avenue
Roanoke, Virginia
October 11, 2006
1:00 PM

The workshop meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was in the Ballroom of the Hotel Roanoke, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia on October 11, 2006. The Chairman, Pierce Homer, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Davis, Dickens, Keen, Koelemay, Martin, McCarthy, Schwartz, Sterling, White, Witt, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connally; Vice Chairman Ekern, and Mr. Tucker, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: None

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Public Comment Period:

Mr. Jim Bowie made a statement regarding proposed changes to the I-81 resolution which is Agenda Item 1. Mr. Bowie proposes amending the resolution to include in several ways to included taking into account the I-81 Freight Rail Study as well as urging a context sensitive solutions approach. A copy of the amended resolution was made available to the public and was distributed to the Board prior the public comment session of the Board.

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Mr. Trip Pollard of the Southern Environmental Law Center addressed the Board regarding the I-81 resolution.

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Senator Edwards addressed the Board regarding the I-81 resolution. Senator Edwards thanked the Board for holding their meeting in Roanoke and congratulated Commissioner Ekern on his appointment.

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Mr. David Foster of RailSolution addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Ms. Joyce Waugh of the Virginia West Business and Legislative Coalition I-81 addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Ms. Martha Orrick addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. Nicholas MacNeil addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Ms. Elsie White addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. Charlie Custer addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. Trip Pollard addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. Dale Bennet addressed the Board urging the Board to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. Stephen Harkrader addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Ms. Lorinda Lionberger addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. Hunt Regal addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today asking the Board supplement the Environmental study with a rail study.

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Mr. Rees Shearer addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Shearer read a statement prepared by Janet Johnson of VOP. A copy of the statement is attached hereto.

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Mr. Lee Merrill addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Ms. Lisa Trachy addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today.

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Mr. George Lester addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Lester spoke in favor of utilizing rail for the transport of goods.

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Ms. Sarah Nunnally addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Ms. Nunnally spoke in favor of making spot improvements while withholding approval of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Ms. Barbara Thomas addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Ms. Thomas urged the Board to ask for a supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Ms. Shireen Parsons addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Ms. Parsons spoke regarding the proposed Norfolk Southern Inter-modal facility in Ellison noting her opposition to this facility.

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Mr. Bill LaMagdeleine addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. LaMagdeleine spoke regarding the lack of public transportation in the area where he lives (Salem) and his belief that there should be a re- examination of the lack of public transportation.

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Mr. Charles Chilton addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Chilton urged the board to review the rail solution offered by Rail solutions.

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At the request of Garrett Moore, Mr. Jim Bowie read his proposed amendments to the I-81 resolution.

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Mrs. Rosemary Wallinger addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mrs. Wallinger cited her concern regarding the number of lanes proposed by the draft environmental statement as well as the proposed tolls.

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Mr. Bernard Schitzuzile addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Schitzuzile spoke in favor of safety improvements while delaying action on this resolution.

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Mr. Hobie Baughan, President of the Virginia Poultry Federation, addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Baughan spoke in favor of sensible measures to improve safety opposes the use of tolls.

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Mr. John Hutchinson, Shenandoah Battlefield Foundation, addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Hutchinson spoke in favor of spot improvements on I-81 but urged the Board to delay action on the resolution calling the Draft Environmental Impact Statement flawed.

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Mrs. Ruhf addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mrs. Ruhf stated the Draft Environmental Impact Statement flawed citing air quality programs, and the lack of their TIER I Environmental

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Mr. Bob Peckman addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Peckman spoke in favor of the highway safety improvement asking that the Board delay action; asking for a supplement to the Draft Supplement Environmental Statement.

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Ms. Kris Peckman addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Peckman spoke in favor of the highway safety improvement asking that the Board delay action; asking for a supplement to the Draft Supplement Environmental Statement.

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Mr. Mark McCaskell, addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. McCaskell cited air quality concerns in regards to truck rest areas and

the implementation of *no idling* zones. Mr. McCaskell also spoke in favor of the creation of additional park and ride lots.

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Ms. Barbara Duerck, with the Virginia Bicycle Federation, addressed regarding bicycle access to frontage road.

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Mr. Lenny Gregory addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Gregory spoke in favor of additional enforcement of highway laws.

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Mr. Randolph Gregg addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Gregg spoke in favor of passenger rail.

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Ms. Abigail Convery addressed the Board urging them not to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Ms. Convery spoke regarding the need for a further toll analysis on local roads, rail option 4 and safety improvements.

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Mr. Steve Chapin addressed the Board urging them to adopt the resolution (Agenda Item 1) before them today. Mr. Chapin read from a prepared statement which is attached hereto.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting September 21, 2006. Copy of approved minutes on file with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Commissioner's Office and posted on the VDOT Internet website: www.virginiadot.org and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Witt.
Motion carried, minutes approved.

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Mr. Gummada Murthy and Deputy Commissioner Gregory Whirley provided an update on a flooding situation on Route 460. Mr. Murthy reviewed separate instances of flooding in the area affected as well as the associated costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:

Agenda Item 1. Action on the I-81 Corridor. Mr. Bowie moved that the I-81 resolution be amended with several changes, a copy of which was presented to the Board as well as the public. Referenced by attachment of the amended resolution and decision brief.

Mr. McCarthy asked that the comments received from the public regarding the Draft Environmental Impact statement be taken into account as the next phase of this project begins.

Mr. White thanked Mr. Bowie for his efforts in listening to the concerns of the members in crafting the amended resolution.

Mr. Schwartz echoed Mr. White's sentiments regarding Mr. Bowie's efforts on the amended resolution. Mr. Schwartz indicated that he was satisfied that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will have an opportunity to review and address any deficiencies that may have occurred in the Tier I draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Dr. Davis.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 2: Action on Abandonments and Discontinuances Due to Relocation and Construction specifically, Bristol District, Wise County – Route 793 – Sections 1; Salem District, Carroll County – Route 757 – Segment AB; Lynchburg District, Project: 0607-005-114, M-501, Amherst County – Route 607 – Sections 1. Referenced by attachment of resolutions and decision briefs.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Schwartz.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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Agenda Item 3: Action on Highway Designations specifically naming the Interstate Route 95 bridges over the Rappahannock River at the Stafford County - City of Fredericksburg jurisdictional boundary, the "Rappahannock Falls Bridge". Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief

Moved by Mrs. Carter, seconded by Mr. Witt.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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Agenda Item 4 Change in the Primary System specifically abandonment of Frontage Road F-1070, Mecklenburg County. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Bowie.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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LOCATION AND DESIGN DIVISION:

Agenda Item 5. Action on Location Approval specifically, Route 9055, Bedford County, Project No. 9055-009-300, C-501. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Davis.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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INNOVATIVE FINANCE & REVENUE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 6. Action on Approval of the State Route 28 – Phase II Final Four Interchanges Improvements Project. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Mr. White.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 7. Action on Revised Revenue Sharing Program Guide. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Dr. Davis asked if the fifteen million dollars referenced in the guidelines could be moved to another project until the guidelines could be modified.

Mr. Koelemay asked if there was any flexibility in the tiers as outlined in the guide. Ms. Reese indicated the laws are very specific.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Sterling.

Motion carried, resolution approved, with Mr. Keen, Mr. Martin and Dr. Davis voting against the resolution.

Mr. Davies stated that the CTB members should urge localities to continue to apply for the funds, which should help the legislature recognize the need for the funding.

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PROGRAMMING DIVISION:

Agenda Item 8. Action on FY07-12 Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers for September 8-26, 2006. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 9. Action on Limited Access Change specifically, Fairfax County Parkway (Rte 7100) and West Ox Road (Rte 608) which will adjust and extend limited access along Rte 29, Rte. 7100 Ramp E and Rte. 608. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief. Mr. Kerley indicated the date of the last “Whereas” on page two of the resolution was incorrect and should read April 7, 2006. Mr. Koelemay made a motion to change the date to April 7, 2006 which was seconded by Mr. Dickens and approved unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Koelemay as amended, seconded by Mr. Sterling.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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Agenda 10. Action on Land Conveyances specifically, (A) Frontage Road F-1070, Route 722, and Route 58, Mecklenburg County, Project No. 6058-058-E26, RW-201 (B) Route 58 and Route 620, Lee County, Project No. 6058-052-E28, RW-201 (C) Route 250, Augusta County Project No. 0250-007-106, RW-202 (D) Route 460, Montgomery County, Project No. 6460-060-F19, RW-201 (E) Route 632, Craig County, Project No. 0632-022-128, M-501 (F) Route 522, Louisa County, Project No. 0522-054-110, RW-201. The Chairman asked that the items be approved as a block with no objection from the Board they were presented as such. Referenced by attachment of resolutions and decision briefs.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Davies.
Motion carried, resolutions approved

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Agenda Item 11. Action on Rail Industrial Access Referenced by attachment of resolutions and decision briefs, specifically:

(A) Greensville County, Quality Culvert

Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.
Motion carried, resolution approved

(B) August County Railsides Industries, Inc., Houff Feed & Fertilizer Co. Inc., and IDM Trucking.

Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Davies.
Motion carried, resolution approved

(C) Rockingham County Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative, Inc.

Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Connally.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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Agenda Item 12. Action Special Grants to Support Lifeline Transit Services. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Ms. Connally.
Motion carried, resolution approved

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SCHEDULING & CONTRACT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 13. Action on Bids Received for the month of August 2006:

Page 1 of the attached report, recommending award of order number I06.
Moved by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Davies.
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman recognized Mr. Fred Altizer and Ms. Laura Bullock for their hard work on the I-81 corridor.

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Chairman Homer updated the Board on a meeting he attended in Watertown, New York for the I-81 Corridor Coalition.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16 2006, beginning at 2 p.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

Approved:

Chairman

Secretary